MAR 1 3 2002 41333

ITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Norman G. ANDERSON et al.

Serial No.:

09/753,678

Filed: 04 January 2001

For:

REFERENCE DATABASE

Group Art Unit: 1743

Examiner: TBA

RECEIVED
TC 1700

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby notify the Examiner of a document that may be deemed material to the examination of the above-identified application.

As the instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to issuance of a first Office Action on the merits, no certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) is required.

Further, as the document listed in the 1449 was cited and offered by the Examiner of Record in a prior application (Ser. No. 09/654,133) relied upon under 35 U.S.C. §120, a copy of said listed document is not required (See 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d)(1)).

Also, the document is in English and therefore, no brief statement of relevance is required.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT U.S. Serial No.: 09/753,678

## **CONCLUSION**

Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

Daryl A. Basham Reg. No. 45,869

Roylance, Abrams, Berdo & Goodman, L.L.P. 1300 19<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Suite 600 Washington, D.C. 20036-2680 (202) 659-9076

Dated: 13 March 2002